THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) (a) In view of limited space at Bombay air cargo complex, congestion has sometimes been noticed due to delay in clearance of consignments by public and private enterprises after assessment by Customs. However, newly arriving import cargo is not being shut-out due to such congestion. Mostly oddsized/outsized and bulky package which cannot be accommodated inside the complex are lying outside.

(b) Apart from expediting the process of assessment of cargo, action is being taken under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962 through fortnightly auctions for disposal of cargo not cleared by the importers within 45 days of its arrival at the cargo complex. Another godown for storage of heavy cargo is under construction.

जब्त किए गए सोने की बिक्री

212. श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान जब्त किये गये सोने की कुल मात्रा में से प्रति वर्ष कुल कितना सोना बेचा गया ;

(ख) उसकी बिक्री से प्राप्त हुई राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सोना किन-किन स्थानों पर बेचा गया और खरीदारों के लिए क्या शर्तें रखी गई थीं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान जब्त किए गए सोने की कुल मात्रा में से बेचे गए सोने की कुल मात्रा वर्षवार नीचे दी गई है :-

वर्ष	मात्रा (मीट्रिक टन)
1988-89	शून्य
1989-90	5.630
1990-91	4.169

(ख) बिक्री से प्राप्त हुई राशि का ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :-

वर्ष	प्राप्त हुई राशि (करोड़ रुपए)	किसे बेचा गया
1988-89	शून्य	—
1989-90	128.3	भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक
1990-91	93.1	भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

(ग) सोना विद्यमान लंदन धातु विनिमय मूल्य पर भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक तथा भारतीय स्टेट बैंक को बेचा गया।

Discussion with us on Intellectual property Rights

213. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of U. S. officials held discussions with Indian officials on matters pertaining to special 301 provisions of U. S. trade legislation on intellectual property rights; if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(b) what is the exact position in regard to this matter at present; and

(c) what is the attitude of U. S. thereto at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A team of US officials visited New Delhi for consultations under Special 301 provisions of the US omnibus Trade & competitiveness Act, 1988 on 1-2 July, 1991. During the consultations, which were held at a technical level, the US team explained its concerns, and the rationale behind them, in respect of Indian laws and policies on

patent production, trade marks, copyright, enforcement of copyright and market access for motion pictures. The Indian delegation stated the position as it obtained in these areas in India and the historical and developmental contexts and the public policy concerns which underlay Indian laws and the policies.

While there were similarities between the US and the Indian views on copyright laws and on their stricter enforcement, there were diffrerent perceptions on patents and access to foreign trade marks. In respect of motion pictures the existing agreement between US exporters' association and the Indian canalising agency, National Film Development Corporation, is being renegotiated.

The consultations helped both sides to arrive at a fuller understanding of the concerns of each other. Consulations are expected to continue when both governments have had more time to reflect upon the concerns of each other.

IMF Loans

214. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are negotiating with IMF for obtaining the first and second instalment of loan; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the amount of loan sought for and how much has beeen sanctioned so far by IMF;

(c) whether some conditions have been imposed by IMF in sanctioning the instalments of loans; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Some preliminary discussions are being held with the IMF to explore the possibilities of assistance to reduce the strain on the balance of payments.

(d) Does not aries at this stage.

Money spent by Government on waiving of loans

215. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI R. T. GOPALAN:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money spent by Government till date for implementing loan waiver scheme and the total amount of loan waiver so far;

(b) what is the total number of persons who have benefited by this scheme so far, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received complaints from States regarding misuse of plan funds;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce some modification in the operation of the scheme, if so, the future plans of Government in this regard;

(e) whether some nationalised banks have revealed exaggerated claims regarding loan waiver scheme; and

(f) if answer to part (c) be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government of India have released so far Rs. 2500 crores to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for implement-